

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Order Instituting
Investigation an Order to Show Cause on the
Commission's own motion into the operations
and practices of Ronen Perez, an individual, Ford
Moving and Storage, Inc., a California
corporation, and its president, Ronen Perez,

Applicants/Respondents.

Investigation 04-04-001
(Filed April 1, 2004)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND DIRECTING THE
FILING OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENTS**

This ruling directs Respondents Ronen Perez, an individual doing business as (dba) Ford Moving and Storage, and Ford Moving and Storage, Inc., a California corporation and its president, Ronen Perez, as well as the Commission's Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) to attend a prehearing conference on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room, at 505 Van Ness Avenue, State Office Building, San Francisco, California. The failure of respondents to appear at the prehearing conference may subject them to sanctions in addition to those set forth in the Order Instituting Investigation and Order to Show Cause (collectively OII/OSC).

Background

On April 1, 2004, the Commission issued the OII/OSC giving respondents notice and an opportunity for a hearing, and ordering them to show cause, if any, at the hearing why respondents should not be subject to fines and penalties

for alleged violations contained in staff declarations and why Ford Moving and Storage's application for a household goods carrier permit should not be denied for cause and lack of fitness in view of the listed allegations made by staff.

The OII/OSC orders respondents to cease and desist performing any and all moves of any kind until the Commission has an opportunity to review and pass judgment on this matter. Further, the OIII/OSC orders that during the pendency of this investigation, respondents shall cease and desist from any violations of the terms of the "Preliminary Injunction" in Case No. BC300974 filed with the Superior Court in Los Angeles County, or the terms of probation ordered by the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles as part of the sentence imposed in criminal complaint Case No. 3CR02645.

Prehearing Conference

This ruling sets a prehearing conference on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, in the Commission's Hearing Room at 505 Van Ness Avenue, State Office Building, San Francisco, California. At the prehearing conference, the Commission may address the schedule of the proceeding, more clearly formulate the issues, arrange for the exchange of proposed exhibits or prepared testimony, and address other matters as may expedite the orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding.

Prehearing Conference Statements

No later than Tuesday, June 8, 2004, respondents and CPSD are directed to file prehearing conference statements addressing the following issues:

- Recommended schedule for the proceeding (dates for exchanging prepared testimony; for hearings, briefing, etc.) to enable the Commission to resolve this case no later than 12 months from the date of filing the proceeding (see Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d));

- Identification of the principal factual and legal issues and the evidentiary bases for claims and defenses (other than the facts and legal issues set forth in the OII/OSC);
- Anticipated witnesses;
- Anticipated discovery issues; and
- Other topics as the interest of justice and efficient case management require.

All parties should serve the prehearing conference statements on the attached service list as well as on assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Christine Walwyn, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 5117, San Francisco, CA 94102 (ALJ Walwyn's e-mail address is cmw@cpuc.ca.gov), and Assigned Commissioner Brown's Advisor, Belinda Gatti, 505 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102 (Ms. Gatti's e-mail address is beg@cpuc.ca.gov).

IT IS RULED that:

1. The Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room at 505 Van Ness Avenue, State Office Building, San Francisco, California.
2. Parties should file prehearing conference statements as set forth in the ruling no later than Tuesday, June 8, 2004.

Dated May 20, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CHRISTINE M. WALWYN
Christine M. Walwyn
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail and by electronic mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Prehearing Conference and Directing the Filing of Prehearing Conference Statements on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated May 20, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074 or TTY# 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.